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STATE AGRICULTURISTS
To Hold Annual Meeting in Waterbury Next Week—Programme Full of Attractive Features.

The programme for the annual meeting of the Connecticut board of agriculture has been completed by the committee in charge of the arrangements. Wilson H. Lee, B. C. Patterson and I. C. Fanning, mayor of Waterbury, will be in charge of the meeting, which will be held in Waterbury, in the Buckingham music hall, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, Dec. 13, 14 and 15.

The programme follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 13.
10.40 a. m.—Music.
11 a. m.—Invocation by the Rev. Charles A. Dimmock, L. L. D.; address of welcome by His Honor, W. B. Hotchkiss, mayor of Waterbury; response by His Excellency, Frank B. Weeks, governor of Connecticut.
11.30 a. m.—Address by Prof. C. L. Beach, president of Connecticut Agricultural college; recess.
1.30 p. m.—Music.
2 p. m.—Address, Poultry Keeping on Small Farms, by the Rev. W. E. Davenport, Colrain, Mass.
2.45 p. m.—Discussion.
3 p. m.—Address, The Modern Method of Raising Poultry, by George V. Smith, Willington, Conn.
3.45 p. m.—Discussion.
4 p. m.—Questions from the question box.
7.30 p. m.—Lecture, Uncle Sam's Land of the Midnight Sun, by Lowell Roubush, New Richmond, O. Mr. Roubush will give his personal experience in the Arctic regions. This is a lecture every one, both old and young, should make an effort to hear.

Wednesday, Dec. 14.
10.40 a. m.—Music.
11 a. m.—The Crime Against the Soil. (a) In Drainage; (b) In Rotation; (c) In Application of Fertilizer and Chemical Manures, by Mr. Roubush.
11.15 a. m.—Address, Experiments at the Agricultural Experiment Station, by Prof. L. A. Clinton, director.
11.45 a. m.—Questions from the question box; recess.
1.30 p. m.—Music.
2 p. m.—Address, The Management of the Dairy, by Prof. Herbert E. Cook, dean of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y.
2.45 p. m.—Discussion.
3 p. m.—Address and demonstration—Subject: Corn Growing, Breeding and Judging, by Prof. F. W. Taylor, New Hampshire Agricultural College.
4 p. m.—Questions from the question box; recess.
7.30 p. m.—Banquet at The Elton.

Thursday, Dec. 15.
9.30 a. m.—Music.
10 a. m.—Address, Experiments with Alfalfa, Soy Beans, Sweet and Red Clover, by Mr. Roubush.
11 a. m.—Discussion.
11.15 a. m.—Address, Recent Changes and Improvements in Methods of Growing Tobacco, by Dr. E. H. Jenkins of the Agricultural Experiment station.
12.45 p. m.—Questions from the question box; recess.
1.30 p. m.—Music.
2 p. m.—Lecture on Agriculture, by Dick J. Crosby, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
2.45 p. m.—Address, Domestic Science, by Sarah L. Arnold, dean Simmons College.
3 p. m.—Should Be More Liberal.
Dr. Wiley says he will give us all immunity from microbes tomorrow. It seems to us that he might be more liberal. Make it six months, Doctor, and much more will be forgiven. Philadelphia Inquirer.

RAISING APPLES.
How Bridgeport Water Co. Utilizes Land at Reservoirs.

In a few years the Bridgeport Hydraulic company will be able to supply Bridgeport with apples of the very finest quality and in large amounts, says The Bridgeport Telegram. The company is still keeping up its plantings of coniferous trees, maintaining a nursery where it raises the trees from seeds and then transplants them on their waterways.

But the company has made a departure in this work the past summer and has set out more than 300 healthy young apple trees, using tillable land near its reservoirs for this purpose. These trees are to be carefully watched by the men in charge of the reservoirs, sprayed and brought to the best state of perfection imaginable. Acting on the theory that sound trees will produce sound fruit all that is possible to produce such fruit is going to be done. At present this work is in only the experimental stage with the company but already plans are being perfected for carrying it out on a much larger scale.

The company has acquired many thousands of acres of good tillable land through purchase and condemnation proceedings in its work of protecting its watershed from possible pollution. So much land has been acquired in this way that it is getting to be a problem with the company what to do with it, as it is not considered wise policy to allow the land to run to waste.

It is not possible to cultivate all of it because fertilizers are necessary and only the commercial kind, which cost a great deal, can be used with safety. Superintendent Senior admits that he is trying to solve the problem in a limited way only as he is not positive just how far the economy of raising apples seems entirely feasible and profitable.

The company raised corn enough this year to carry their horses through the winter, getting nearly 800 bushels.

Octave Chanute.
When the Wright Brothers were experimenting with aerial flight and were included among the town jokes of Dayton, they were in correspondence with Octave Chanute. He encouraged them, buoyed them up, gave them the benefit of his observations and his accurate engineering experience. In their writings they have made acknowledgments of this debt, simply as is their way, but with sincerity and feeling.

Chanute was more fortunate than some of the early experimenters in that he lived to see aerial flight acting on a grand scale and among the lines which Lillenthal and himself had defined. In the midst of the great public interest in flying, developed since he himself had ceased to make models, he never intruded or claimed the honors which were justly due him. He appeared to have been satisfied with pleasure over the accomplishment of the long quest and to have borne no envy and entertained no jealousy. Some day there will be a great amount of commemorative building to aeroplane inventors. It will be performed unfairly unless a stone is raised to the memory of Chanute, with a record of his achievements and a generous word as to his unselfishness. —Toledo Blade.

Fleeing Fame.
An exchange says we shall soon have a chance to look Gaby Deslys over. Let's see, what office did he run for? —Los Angeles Herald.

More Dangerous Sport.
A Mexican mob killed more than a hundred persons. Revolutions are a more dangerous sport than hunting rabbits. —Toledo Blade.

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PUMPING WELLS NIGHT AND DAY
Yield of About Fifty Gallons a Minute From Both of Them Secured—Arranging for Pump at Mohegan Lake.

On Tuesday morning Supt. J. J. Corkery and A. A. Beckwith of the water board went to Meadow Brook basin for the test of the artesian wells, work on which had been stopped Monday night. Other members of the board were not in attendance because of the weather.

The first well, which is down 470 feet, was tried out first at ten o'clock and it showed that there was being pumped about forty gallons a minute. This was kept running from that time. In the afternoon the second well was tested about three o'clock and this proved a disappointment. It had been thought that this well was yielding more water than the first, but the test proved different, as only about ten gallons a minute was secured. The wells are being pumped continuously, day and night, however, and will be for a time, so as to get all the benefit possible from them, though they will deliver but about 72,000 gallons in 24 hours.

The engines of the driving apparatus are being used for operating the pumps. The water will flow from the Meadow Brook basin to Fairview and the melting of the snow will add to the volume. It is believed that great benefit will be obtained from the storm of the past 24 hours.

Fairview reservoir dropped two inches on Tuesday and the water in canals were busy getting the water to families on the hilltops during the day. One team had some trouble when the horses slipped on Jail hill, but all the families were supplied. The freezing up of pumps is causing trouble for some residents depending upon wells for their supply.

The pressure is about 55 pounds at present at the City hall and it is hoped to increase this materially by installing a pump and Mohegan lake, work being in progress on it at present, so that it is hoped to have it working in a few days. This, it is believed, will force the water to the hilltops, and will deliver the water from the lake faster than it will flow by gravity.

Favors Installing Meters.
An engineer was in town on Tuesday, called here by a firm for the purpose of giving advice in regard to the securing a temporary supply for the firm. He has had much experience in the water business and has been called in to give advice to such cities as Chicago and Kansas City. Although he had only a general idea of the local water system he was of the opinion that the city would be following a wise course if it would, even now, for the sake of saving what water it has, install meters wherever water is used. There are concerns, he said, which will install meters for half the money the city saves by their installation. It has been found, and the condition exists, he believed, that more

water is wasted than is used. By metering the city thoroughly and then securing a small additional water supply, he believed that the question would be solved for many years to come.

How One City Does.
A Norwich property owner in a Massachusetts city states that there the city makes the property owner install the meter. If a meter is not installed they get no water. A certain number of cubic feet of water is allowed for a stated sum and all used in excess of that amount is charged for, and charges are made for as small an amount as five cents, the price of 250 gallons used in excess of the limit throughout the year.

CRIMINAL COMMON PLEAS SESSION
Will Open at New London on December 13 and Prosecutor Will Be Here Friday to Arrange for It.

Notices have been sent out to the attorneys of the county as follows:

The prosecuting attorney of the criminal court of common pleas will at the office of the clerk of the criminal court of common pleas, in Norwich, on Friday, December 9, at 10.30 a. m., for the purpose of arranging the business of the session, which will open in New London on Tuesday, December 13, with a jury.

All cases not arranged at or before said meeting will be considered assigned for trial on December 13, without further notice.

At the motion list hearing at Norwich, Monday, December 12, at 2 p. m., a bar meeting will be held for assignment of jury cases to follow the criminal business.

Kindly notify the clerk of your entries that the docket may be complete before the bar meeting.

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TRUE BILL AGAINST NEW LONDON MAN

F. E. Barker, Former Cashier of New London City National Bank, Charged with Falsifying His Accounts.

In the criminal side of the United States district court at Hartford on Tuesday last bills were brought in against F. E. Barker, former cashier of the New London City National bank, charging him with having falsified his books to cover up an overdrawn account; against Vincenzo Bono of Waterbury, charging his with having engaged in the white slave traffic, and against Otto Vogt, a barber, of Hartford, charging him with sending blackmailing letters through the mails.

Barker, who had been long with the bank of which he was cashier, loaned money to a personal friend of his, when there was not money sufficient to cover the loan and falsified the account to make it good. The man, contractor, to whom the money was loaned, stated after Barker's arrest that he supposed the transaction was straight. Barker, whose loans amounted to some \$16,000, was allowed to resign by the officers of the bank, but the federal government caused his arrest.

A Shining Mark.
Captain Archie Butt is still "in maiden meditation fancy free," and somebody ought to be able to catch him. There would be nothing finer than to see the gallant captain led to the altar with a halberd. —Richmond Times-Dispatch.

PARISH AID SOCIETY.

Organization of Trinity Episcopal Church Has Large Xmas Sale.

Under the auspices of the Parish Aid society of Trinity Episcopal church a Christmas sale was held Tuesday afternoon at the Buckingham Memorial which included useful and fancy articles, cake, candy, ice cream and omelet. The tables were filled with attractive holiday gift articles and were in charge of the following ladies: Mrs. Henry L. Bennett having general charge of the sale.

Refreshment Room—Mrs. William Thompson, Mrs. Avery D. Wheeler, Mrs. W. H. Cardwell, Mrs. F. Leon Hutchings, Miss Mabel Cardwell, Miss Vera Ward.

Mystery Tree—Mrs. Herbert Adams, Mrs. Robert Colt, Misses Helen and Harriet Adams.

Apron Table—Mrs. Mary Daniels, Mrs. Henry Geer, Mrs. Louis Schlayer, Mrs. Alex. Williams.

Refreshment Room—Mrs. Herbert F. Parker, Mrs. Walter E. Gilbert, Mrs. J. E. Brown.

Bags—Mrs. Emily John, Mrs. James Hixon, Mrs. William Fitch, Mrs. Horace Fitch, Miss Ellen Geer.

Candy—Mrs. George W. Friswell, Miss Effie Messenger, Miss Mary Friswell, Mrs. George Smith.

The sale was patronized by a good sized number during the afternoon and evening, and the many handsome and useful presents found a ready sale. From this sale a good sum was realized for the Parish Aid society.

Time Works Changes.
We are sorry to hear that the Hon. Jack Johnson is prostrated. We would not have been quite so sorry had we heard it over the Reno wires on July 4. —Chicago Evening Post.

OWLS LEASE HALL FOR FIVE YEARS.

E. B. Worthington Elected Warden, Vice Frank Fagan, Resigned—Ten Applications Received.

At the first regular meeting of the Norwich nest of Owls, which was held on Tuesday evening in their regular rooms on Main street, the old Central Athletic club headquarters, about 100 Owls were present. President Ashley T. Bock presided over the meeting and during the course of the evening several matters of importance to the order were acted upon.

Upon the advice of the hall committee, W. R. Balcom, G. H. Stanton and William Harvey, it was voted to lease the C. A. C. hall for a period of five years, and it was decided not to submit it. The hall committee was directed to paint, paper and furnish the hall and to provide each member with a key. A meeting of the nest will be held every Tuesday night.

Ten new applications for membership were acted upon and twenty-five more applications are expected to come in by next meeting night. There are already 300 members on the charter list. Assistant Organizer Sanford was present and he stated that this was the first nest in the state that had their own headquarters.

At Tuesday night's meeting E. B. Worthington was elected warden in place of Frank Fagan, who resigned this office on account of the demands made upon him by other important matters that made it impossible for him to attend to the duties that this position would bring to him.

His Assistance Not Needed.
It is suggested that the United States supreme court is standing plenty pat enough without any assistance from Hon. Thomas Henry Carter of Montana. —Kansas City Star.



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OCCEUM AND VERSAILLES

E. A. Richards Leases Store and Purchases Stock of Hull & Hawkins—Ground Glass Fed to Dog.

The Totokett store, which has been leased by the Hull & Hawkins company for several years, will be conducted by H. A. Richards in the future. Mr. Richards taking possession on Monday, Dec. 12. The stock and fixtures of the store have been bought by Mr. Richards, who also will move his stock of groceries and meat from his present quarters.

L. A. Bassett, who has acted as manager for F. E. Hull & Hawkins company for the past five years, will continue in the same business in New Bedford, Mass., in company with his brother, Mr. Bassett and family will be missed by many friends in this village.

Gone to Westport.
Matthew Manchester, who has been connected with the Uncasville Manufacturing company at its Versailles plant for the past year, resigned on Saturday for the purpose of moving to the Clinton Manufacturing company of Westport, Conn. Mr. Manchester began his new duties on Tuesday. During his stay in the Versailles people he has made many friends who are sorry to have him leave.

Whist at Hosehouse.
Members and friends of the Totokett Hose company to the number of thirty-five held the second whist of the season in the company's quarters on Friday evening. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A number of young people from both villages attended a pleasant gathering at the home of Herman Learned on Friday evening.

Much sympathy is expressed for the young daughter of Mrs. and Mr. A. E. Tebo, who is suffering from spinal trouble. The child was recovering from severe burns when she was taken with her present illness.

Work of Dog Poisoner.
Irving Gregory recently lost a valuable dog from the effects of a dose of ground glass which it is thought was given the animal in his food. Dog lovers in this village are much exercised over the deed.

MAKING CHEESE.

Successful Industry Carried on at Bethlehem.

Bethlehem's cheese factory, which commenced operations two years ago, and whose products were to revolutionize the cheese industry of this country by placing on the market a cheese so closely resembling the famous imported Roquefort that the difference could not readily be detected, has been for some time at a standstill and its fate is yet to be determined.

Raymond Thompson, the young man who discovered a process by which Roquefort cheese could be duplicated, is a native of Bethlehem, where he was reared on his father's farm, situated southwest of the center of the village. Mr. Thompson's experiments extended over a period of five years, during two years of which time he conducted investigations at Storrs agricultural school. Success is said to have crowned his researches and experiments, and that he actually duplicated in taste, color and general ingredients the French product seems to be a fact.—Waterbury American.

Memorial to Secretary Hay's Son.

Announcement is made by the Wright memorial dormitory committee at Yale of a gift of \$5,000 from Mrs. John Hay, widow of the late secretary of state, for a memorial suite of rooms in the proposed dormitory in memory of Adelbert S. Hay of the class of 1898. Adelbert S. Hay was killed by a fall from a window of a New Haven house several years ago while back for a class reunion at Yale.

SUBSTANTIAL BEQUEST

Left to St. Paul's Church of Norwich.

Through the death of Mrs. Maria P. James, says the Norwich Hour, St. Paul's parish will be one of the wealthiest parishes in this section, for when the estate of Mrs. James is settled and the proceeds go to the church, the net amount will be nearly \$65,000. The estate in itself is worth about \$80,000. Originally the property was bequeathed to the church with the restriction that it be used for church purposes, but in later years this restriction was all removed by a codicil in the will and the church now has a perfect right to dispose of any or all of it. The property includes the Norwich Historical and Memorial library, the lot at the corner of Berkeley street and West avenue, and the property on the north side of Berkeley street below the chapel, extending down as far as Union park. It is very probable that this property will be placed upon the market in the spring.



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